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1. CURRENT ISSUE OF "NEWS OF THE UN HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES", JUNE-JULY 1978, CONTAINS ARTICLE ON PAGE 6 TITLED "COOPERATION WITH AFRICAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS" WHICH BEARS ON SUBJECT REPORTED REFTEL AND PREVIOUS.

2. ARTICLE DESCRIBES STUDY GRANT PROVIDED TO SOUTH AFRICAN REFUGEES FROM TANZANIA, MISS MTOBI MOATLUDI AND MISS NOMAKWEZI GANYA, WHO WERE BROUGHT TO GENEVA FOR FAMILIARIZATION COURSES, FOLLOWED BY ONE MONTH'S TRAINING WITH THE HCR DELEGATION IN BOTSWANA. ARTICLE STATES THAT THESE LADIES, UPON RETURNING TO DAR ES SALAAM, PUT THIS EXPERIENCE TO GOOD USE WITH PAC, OF WHICH THEY ARE MEMBERS. THEY WILL BE ATTACHED TO THE EDUCATIONAL AND REHABILITATION CENTER IN BAGAMAYO WHERE THE MAJORITY OF SOUTH AFRICAN
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REFUGEE STUDENTS LIVE.

3. ARTICLE CONTINUES TO SAY THAT THIS PROGRAM WILL BE CONTINUED WITH THE TRAINING IN GENEVA OF TWO NEW MEMBERS OF SWAPO. THE COST OF THIS PROGRAM IS ON THE ORDER OF DOLLARS 50,000, AND IT HAS BEEN MOTIVATED BY RESOLUTIONS APPROVED BY UNGA RECOMMENDING THAT SPECIALIZED U.N.

AGENCIES PROVIDE "ALL THE AID POSSIBLE TO AFRICAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS", RESOLUTIONS WHICH, THE ARTICLE STATES, ARE ALREADY BEING PUT IN PRACTICE BY UNHCR, NOT ONLY WITH REGARD TO PAC, BUT ALSO WITH ANC, AS WELL AS ZANU, ZAPU, SWAPO, AND "ALL THE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS RECOGNIZED BY THE OAU."

4. ARTICLE THEN LISTS SPECIFIC ASSISTANCE BEING RENDERED BY UNHCR AS FOLLOWS (MISSION TRANSLATION FROM THE FRENCH):

A. ANC: UNHCR PROVIDES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE COMING FROM SOWETO AND OTHER REFUGEES OF THE AFRICAN NATIONALIST CONGRESS, ASSISTANCE IN THE FORM OF FOODSTUFFS, LODGING, STUDY GRANTS, TRANSPORT, ETC. IN TANZANIA, FOR EXAMPLE, 98 REFUGEE STUDENTS BELONGING TO ANC AND PAC HAD BENEFITED FROM STUDENT GRANTS.

B. PAC: UNHCR HAS PROVIDED THE COST OF TRANSPORT FROM SWAZILAND TO TANZANIA FOR SOME 130 SOUTH AFRICANS. THE PAN AFRICAN CONGRESS OF AZANIA HAS FURTHER REQUESTED UNHCR ASSISTANCE TOWARD THE CONSTRUCTION NEAR DAR ES SALAAM OF A COMMUNITY CENTER TO HOUSE SOME 500 STUDENTS.

C. ZANU: UNHCR HAS FINANCED THE TRANSPORT OF ASSISTANCE SUPPLIES FOR SOME 20,000 ZIMBABWEANS IN MOZAMBIQUE IN CARPS UNDER ZANU CONTROL. THIS LATTER ORGANIZATION HAS FURTHER ASKED THAT UNHCR EXTEND ITS ASSISTANCE TO THESE REFUGEES TO FINANCE THE EQUIPMENT OF A PRIMARY SCHOOL IN ZAMBIA AND TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FINANCING OF CONSTRUCTION

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OF ZIMBABWEAN SCHOOLS.

D. ZAPU: THE NUMBER OF CHILD REFUGEES IN ZAMBIA HAVING INCREASED CONSIDERABLY, UNHCR IS ENGAGED IN A 1.5 MILLION DOLLAR PROGRAM FOR THE FINANCING OF AN EDUCATIONAL CENTER LOCATED NOT FAR FROM LUSAKA.

E. SWAPO: BECAUSE OF THE GROWING FLOW OF REFUGEES FROM NAMIBIA, NOTABLY INTO ANGOLA, AND (BECAUSE) OF THE DAMAGES CAUSED BY THE SOUTH AFRICAN ARMED FORCES AT THE CASSINGA CAMP, UNHCR IN 1978 HAS INCREASED ITS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FROM 150,000 DOLLARS TO 450,000 DOLLARS. ANOTHER AND SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE IS FORESEEN FOR 1979.

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